



The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

Welcome to Fall, but what’s going on with the weather!! Fall is my favorite season because we finally get a break from the heat. But this year it hasn’t really cooled off yet. I somehow don’t think we’ll be having a White Christmas 😊

December always brings in the busiest time of the year. It can be stressful trying to get everything that I want done, but it’s so worth it. I love the opportunity to get to see friends and family. Sometimes life gets in the way, and you don’t manage to get together with the people who are important to you. But during the holidays, we always make sure we get to visit with them. Take the time to make sure these people know you love them.

Karen Ditmar has graciously agreed to host our upcoming Holiday Party. I look forward to seeing her new home! It will be fun to see everyone all dressed up for the holidays and tasting all the food. Don’t forget to bring a new unwrapped toy for our annual holiday drive.

I hope you had an incredible Thanksgiving. May your holidays be filled with warmth and cheerful celebrations!

Happy Holidays,
Randye

Calendar December 2023

- 7 Sew Day
- 11 Plano Satellite
- 14 Holiday Party
General Meeting
- 21 Sew day and Sampler Group
- 25 Plano Satellite
- 28 **NO SEW DAY**

[The Church of the Holy Communion](#)

17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

Sew Days: 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Bring lunch.

General Meeting: 10:00 am,
Coffee at 9:30 am

Board Meeting: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

[Custer Road United Methodist Church](#)

6601 Custer Road, Room B15, Plano, TX 75023

Plano Satellite: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This is the newsletter of the Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild Chapter of “EGA, The Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc.”

President:

Randye Engeran

Membership:

Paige Guillory

Newsletter:

Elena Andrade

General meetings are held at *The Church of the Holy Communion, 17405 Murfield Drive, Dallas*, on the second Thursday of the month with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the general meeting at 10:00 a.m. Information and dates for these and other meetings will be listed in the calendar. Sew days are also held at *The Church of the Holy Communion* on all other Thursdays of the month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch.

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The deadline for submission of written articles for publication in the newsletter is the 15th of the prior month.

Plano Satellite

The Plano Satellite group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of most months at 7:00 p.m. at:

United Methodist Church.
6601 Custer Road Plano.

Entry to the building is through the far SE door on the corner: it faces the traffic signal at Custer and Cumberland. We meet in room B15 in the basement. Come join us for a fun evening of stitching!

Robin Caraway

Join Our New Facebook Group



Come join our new DNTG Facebook Group! You’ll be able to post pictures of your projects, talk to other stitchers and see what they’re working on. If you can’t attend an event, our

Facebook Group will have posts from our monthly Show & Tell, workshops and education classes. We’ll also post upcoming activities on the Events page on our website www.dntg.org.

It’s easy to get started! You can search for Dallas Needlework (DNTG) on Facebook or scan the QR code.

Be sure to come back often to see what our chapter is doing and check out other DNTG members’ posts featuring their projects and make comments.



Michelle Kocurek
Please join our Facebook Group

Have you seen our New Website



Visit our website at www.dntg.org. It has information about our organization, workshops, education classes, photos, an interactive calendar, membership information, newsletters and even a member only section. It’s even easy to use on your phone.

Michelle Kocurek
DNTG Website

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2023-2024 Master Calendar

December 14, 2023	Holiday Party / General Meeting
December 21, 2023	Sew day and Sampler Group
December 28, 2023	NO SEW DAY
January 4, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
January 11, 2024	General Meeting – Soup & Salad Luncheon “MAGIC Revealed” EDUCATION –Needle Darning
January 17-21, 2024	DN&TG 30th Annual ReTreat hosted by the Turtles at Tanglewood, 290 Tanglewood Cir, Pottsboro, TX 75076
January 18, 2024	NO SEW DAY
February 3, 2024	EGA sponsored “Stitch-in-Public Day.”
February 8, 2024	General Meeting, Program TBD EDUCATION –Small Crazy Quilt Project
February 15, 2023	Sew Day and Sampler Group
February 22, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM WORKSHOPS - Trinket Boxes by Cindy Hambrick
March 14, 2024	General Meeting, Program EDUCATION –Cross Stitch on Silk Gauze by Cyndi Scott
March 21, 2023	Sew day and Sampler Group
March 28, 2024	WORKSHOPS – Ornaments by Cindy Hambrick
April 11, 2024	General Meeting – “Birthday Celebration” EDUCATION –How to make Journal Covers
April 18, 2024	Sew day and Sampler Group 2024-2025 Budget Proposal Meeting

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2023-2024 Master Calendar

May 2, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
May 6-7, 2024	WORKSHOP – “ Turkish Delight ” taught by Barbara Ellis
May 9, 2024	Annual Lunch and Induction of New Officers
May 16, 2023	Sew day and Sampler Group
June 10-16, 2024	SCR Region Seminar – “ Dive into Stitching ” in San Marcos, TX
August 14-18, 2024	EGA National Seminar – “ Preserving Needle Arts ” in Atlanta GA
June 2025	SCR Region Seminar – Fort Worth TX
November 12-16, 2025	EGA National Seminar – South Central Region

The purpose of the master calendar is to help our members see all upcoming DN&TG events in one place. The workshops of other guilds are being included in attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts. Events will be added as dates become available, so check your monthly newsletter for the most recent calendar.

Country Living

December 2011



KEY

We stitched this pattern on 16-count Aida cloth in Riviera Aqua with two strands of embroidery floss.

Snowflake
DMC White



Welcome

A warm welcome to our new members!

*Cynthia Fisher
Olana Pope*

When you see them, please welcome them to DNTG.

For updates to the 2023-2024 Membership Directory, go to www.dntg.org

Birthdays

<i>Dona Moore</i>	<i>Dec 6</i>
<i>Kate Gaunt</i>	<i>Dec 7</i>
<i>Sarah Weld</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>
<i>Sandy Crow</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>
<i>Lili Lopez</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>
<i>Mary Lord</i>	<i>Dec 17</i>
<i>Jeanie Guhl</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>
<i>Stacey Lundgren</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>
<i>Annette Worthington</i>	<i>Dec 23</i>
<i>Jean Neisius</i>	<i>Dec 24</i>
<i>Cathy True</i>	<i>Dec 28</i>
<i>Dotty Rowan</i>	<i>Dec 29</i>
<i>Betty Howe</i>	<i>Dec 30</i>

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these members in your thoughts and Prayers

:
*Cyndi Scott
Sue Sater's family*

Please keep all members safe.

Arrangements

Holiday Party

Please join us on

December 14, 2023

From 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

at Karen Dittmar's home

5909 Bay Club Dr. Arlington, TX, 76013.

Carpooling is recommended

*Please bring a unwrapped toy to be
donated to a needy charity*

Members with Last name beginning with

A-L please bring a salad or side dish

M-Z please bring a dessert to share



Sampler Group

The Sampler Group is a special interest group in the Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild dedicated to learning about and stitching newly designed samplers or antiques which have been reproduced for duplication. Members also enjoy stitching sampler related small items such as needlebooks, pincushions, and miniatures. The group meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 until 2:00 at Church of the Holy Communion.

The next meeting of the Sampler Group will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 10 am-2p, at the Church of the Holy Communion. We will continue to share our knowledge and love of samplers and our study of Quaker samplers in particular. Anyone interested is welcome.

Each member is encouraged to challenge herself to incorporate a Quaker design into a stitched piece...anything from a full sampler to a small pin keep. Finished pieces will be displayed at the Spring Luncheon in May 2024. Please make plans to investigate Quaker patterns and select one that is of interest to you. The group will appreciate any information you learn while researching your project.

Linda Cox
Sampler Group Chairman



Flowers and Berries Sampler
By Catherine Theron

Membership

New Members:

Your membership number will be sent to you directly from EGA. Please forward this number to dntg.ega@gmail.com so that our records will show you are qualified to participate in all the FUN stuff offered through DN&TG!!!

All Members:

CHANGES! If ANY of your information changes, please remember to contact me at dntg.ega@gmail.com to insure you receive the latest and greatest news from DN&TG. You must also contact Tonya Parks at EGA National, typarks@egausa.org or call 502-589-6956, to ensure you continue to receive your local, Region and National EGA communications and publications. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THESE CHANGES TO RECEIVE ANY AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM EGA.

Bring a Friend!

Your name will go in a drawing for each one of your friends that joins DN&TG during the year. What does that mean? You have a great chance to win a year's **FREE** membership!

Come to our General meetings!

Great friends, delicious refreshments, and outstanding programs! And...just be attending, you may be the lucky one that receives a small prize. Service length pins are available at the membership "Welcome" table. Don't forget to wear your name tag.

Paige Guillory
Membership Chairman
dntg.ega@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Tote Bag Fundraiser

Help support our 50th Anniversary community service project by purchasing a tote bag. The tote bags are made with needlepoint canvases that were donated to our guild. They are all lined and have a 6" bottom/sides. You can see the bags and their sizes on the DNTG website under the **Members Only** tab. The money we raise from the sale of the bags will fund the framing of the 14 animals we are cross stitching for the Dallas Zoo.

- All items will be sold on a **first-come first-served** basis
- You can view all the items for sale at www.dntg.org - under the **Members Only** tab
- Enter the password (if you don't remember it, email Paige and she'll send you the password)
- At the top of the page, there is a button titled "**50th Anniversary Fundraiser**" click on this to see the bags
- If you find a bag you want, email Paige at paige.guillory@verizon.net with the item number and description (i.e., Yellow Flower – S2)
- If the bag is available, you'll receive an email with the total for your purchase (it's \$15 extra if you want it shipped)
- You will then Zelle the money to dntg.treas@gmail.com or write a check made out to **DNTG**
- When payment is received, you can pick it up at a sew day or it will be shipped to you

Thanks to everyone who has already purchased a bag. We appreciate your support!

Paige Guillory
50th Anniversary Chair

Opportunity knocks

We are collecting Seashore or under the sea items for Opportunity Knocks. Remember that any contributions that need help with finishing need to be turned in by the January Chapter Meeting.

If it does not need assistance with finishing, you can give it to me by the end of May. Thanks for everything you are sharing.



From Our Vice President

To all DN&TG members,

I am pleased to serve as your Vice President. One of my roles is to act as a liaison between DN&TG members and the Chapter's Board.

If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding DN&TG, please forward them to me. All issues will be respected, seriously considered, and brought before the Board for resolution. You can even remain anonymous if you choose. I can be reached in person, by phone, or email. My contact information is in the Chapter Directory.

Don't forget to share your positive experiences with the Chapter too!

With your suggestions and help, we can make DN&TG the best chapter ever!

Marty Anderson

Programs

The Holiday Party is just around the corner on December 14th, and I can't wait to see everyone's M.A.G.I.C. projects in January.

Connie Litfin will be speaking at the February general meeting. Her program is titled "When this you see, remember me". Connie will be presenting information on autograph or signature quilts, sometimes called friendship or presentation quilts.

Marty Anderson has also graciously agreed to speak at our March program. She will be presenting her Heirloom baptismal gowns. I am very excited for these programs, and I am looking forward to hearing from these two talented women from our Guild.

We will celebrate all our members birthdays in April and continue the tradition of having a gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

Before you know it, it will be time for the May Luncheon. Enjoy the holidays and I hope everyone carves out some time to stitch.

June Roden

Education

There will not be an education class in December.

In January we will do Needle Darning. You will need to bring a small pair of scissors.

Connie



Opportunity knocks Basket Stitchin' Texas Retreat

In April 2024, DNTG will be promoting our chapter and EGA at the **DFW Cross Stitcher's Retreat**. This three-day event had 140 attendees last year from the DFW area. The Fort Worth EGA chapter has attended this event for three years and gained 13-17 new members each year.



This is a great opportunity to grow our chapter with members that are already cross stitching together on Facebook in the DFW area. As part of the event, Greater Dallas EGA, Fort Worth EGA, and DNTG will have Opportunity Knocks baskets for the attendees. Our basket theme is "**These are a Few of My Favorite Things.**"

Please consider donating items for our basket. We are looking for stitching tools, patterns, fabric, lights, scissors, magnets, fobs, etc. It can be anything you really like to use when you stitch.

If you'd like to participate, please give your "**Favorite Things**" items to Paige Guillory at a Thursday sew day or General meeting.

Thank you for your help promoting DNTG!

ReTreat 2024



ReTreat 2024 Update
January 17-21, 2024



The Talented Turtles are planning a fun and relaxing 31st annual DN&TG ReTreat at Tanglewood Resort! The stitching room has been reserved, the menu planned, special gifts have been made, and surprises are in store!

Due to a change in Tanglewood management, **DN&TG must pay the hotel in full** prior to the event. As such, **your reservation will not be confirmed until receipt of your payment in full. For this reason the December 14, 2023 deadline will be a firm cutoff.**

Additional items:

- **Extend your stay by a day.** Arrive on Tuesday, January 16th and enjoy a room rate of \$89, not included in registration.
- Tanglewood has contracted with **Pepsi** as their soft drink option throughout the property. Management is allowing retreatants to bring their own **Coca-Cola** brand drinks.
- The **Snack Table** will still be located in the back of the room. We have been asked to monitor the table more closely. Reseal packages/containers, pitch empties, etc.
- The **Stash Table** will also be located in the back of the room. Please consider thoughtfully what you will bring to share this year. **Bring only original books, magazines, or patterns.** Teresa no longer has an option for distributing the left-over items. Stitching accessories are welcome.

If we can assist you in any way, please refer questions to Linda Cox, (lindarcox@earthlink.net) or to any member of the Talented Turtle Committee.



Barbara Ellis - Turkish Delight
May 6-7, 2024
At Museum Tower, 1918 N Olive St, Dallas, TX



Registration Deadline:
March 24, 2024

This is a dual-strand infinity style necklace that focuses on multi-rope variations that are connected using coin pearls and jewel stones. Sections of the necklace are created one at a time and connected to create one 78" long necklace and one shorter 18" necklace finished with a charm and drop focal piece. These ropes are really fun to create and there will be several kits to choose from including purple haze, ivory coast, and midnight clouds.

Technique: Bead Weaving

Design Area: 18" - 78"

Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Kit Cost: \$125.00

Pre-Work: Optional

Kit Contents: Gemstones, decorative drop, connectors, coin pearls, 15/0 seed beads, 11/0 seed beads, accent crystals, clasp.

Student Provides: Fireline (6 lb.) or One-G thread, size 10 and 12 beading needles, usual beading supplies, light and magnification if needed.

Color Choices – Purple Haze, Ivory Coast or Midnight Clouds

Name: _____ **EGA #:** _____

email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Select One: Purple Haze Ivory Coast Midnight Clouds

Payment Method (circle one)
Check ZELLE

Your kit fee is your **non-refundable** deposit.

There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members. No ghosts are allowed for this class.

You can pay either by check payable to DNTG or **ZELLE** to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please type: **Turkish Delight**

This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: Cyndi Scott, 6817 Riverchase Trail, Denton, TX, 76210

email: dntg.ega@gmail.com

Cindy Hambric - Trinket Boxes

February 22, 2024

At the Church of the Holy Communion



There is a selection of 9 boxes

- Back Row – Ella’s Brew, Noelle’s Peppermints, and Peg’s Leaves
- Front Row – Natalie’s Bee Time (Not Included) Snow Man for Mary Alice and Be Mine Sweet Clara
- Not Shown – Ho, Ho, Ho, Janet’s Spooky and Jeanne’s Cornucopia

Kit Cost: Janet’s Spooky \$150, the rest of the kits are \$135.

Kit Contents: All beads and instructions to complete the Trinket Box

Student Provides: Usual Stitching Supplies including the beading thread, and beading needles.

Registration Deadline:
December 4, 2023

Name: _____ **EGA #:** _____

email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Select One or More:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ella’s Brew	<input type="checkbox"/> Noelle’s Peppermints	<input type="checkbox"/> Peg’s Leaves
<input type="checkbox"/> Natylie’s Bee Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Man for Mary Alice	<input type="checkbox"/> Be Mine Sweet Clara
<input type="checkbox"/> Ho, Ho, Ho	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet’s Spooky	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeanne’s Cornucopia
Total Submitted \$ _____		

Your kit fee is your **non-refundable** deposit.

There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members. **No Ghosts are allowed for this class.**

You can pay either by check payable to DNTG or ZELLE to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please type: **Trinket Boxes**

This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: Cyndi Scott, 6817 Riverchase Trail, Denton, TX, 76210

email: dntg.ega@gmail.com

Payment Method (circle one)

Check **ZELLE**

Cindy Hambrick - Ornaments
March 28, 2024
At The Church of the Holy Communion

Select one or more of these unique ornaments by Cindy Hambrick to stitch at our special class on February 24, 2024, at The Church of the Holy Communion. There is a selection of 5 ornament.



Kit Contents: All beads and instructions to complete the selected Ornament(s)

Student Provides: Usual Stitching Supplies, beading thread and beading needles.

Registration Deadline:
December 4, 2023

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Select One or More:

- ___ \$40 Linda Needs a Gnome
- ___ \$40 Linda Needs a Penguin
- ___ \$40 Linda Needs a Santa
- ___ \$50 Twirly Swirly Santa
- ___ \$45 A Snowman for Denise
- \$___ Total Submitted

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

Your kit fee is your **non-refundable** deposit.

There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members. **No ghosts are allowed for this class.**

You can pay either by check payable to DNTG or **ZELLE** to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please type: **Cindy Ornaments**

This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: Cyndi Scott, 6817 Riverchase Trail, Denton, TX, 76210

email: dntg.ega@gmail.com

31st Annual ReTreat Registration Form

January 17-21, 2024

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I stitch with (name of group): _____ Is this your first time at ReTreat? _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

The registration fee includes all appropriate lodging and meals based on the day you arrive. Meals include: 2 meals on Wednesday, 3 meals on Thursday-Saturday, and Sunday brunch as well as sodas, coffee, and tea in our meeting room.

Arrive on:	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Single	\$777.00	\$591.50	\$406.00
Double*	\$645.00	\$492.50	\$340.00
Triple*	\$589.00	\$450.50	\$312.00

Circle the fee for the date of your arrival and list your roommate(s) here: _____

* Prices stated are for roommates arriving on the same day. If arriving on different days, additional room costs are the responsibility of the roommate arriving on the earlier day. The balance of all payment must be made by the deadline.

Special Requirements:

Room near to event room: _____ Non-smoking: _____

Special Diet: Vegetarian _____ Low fat _____ Other: _____

Mail this form to: Marty Anderson, 4003 Rolling Knolls, Parker, TX 75002

Please indicate if you are paying your \$100 deposit by check or ZELLE

ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, indicate **ReTreat**
Deposit / registration form due by Oct. 12, 2023.
Balance due Dec. 14, 2023.

Payment Method
(circle one)

Check ZELLE

DNTG's Standing Rules state "items on the stash table are to be taken for the members' stitching enjoyment and are NOT to be taken by members for sale."

By signing this I acknowledge this policy and grant DN&TG permission to use photos taken of me in future newsletters.

Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: Fees are fully refundable prior to December 14, 2023. From 12/14/23 – 1/8/24, the fees paid minus \$100.00 deposit are refundable. After January 8, 2024, no refunds can be issued except in cases of emergency, and effort will be made to refund the fee minus the \$100 deposit. No refunds can be guaranteed.

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region (SCR) of Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA)
Membership Form – 2023-2024

<p>\$64 – DN&TG Primary (June-May)</p> <p>_____ New EGA / DNTG member</p> <p>_____ Renewing DNTG member</p> <p>_____ EGA member / new DNTG Primary</p>	<p>\$20 – Plural inside SCR / \$25 – Plural outside SCR</p> <p>_____ Plural Member</p> <p>Primary Chapter: _____</p>
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Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

email: _____

Birthday (Month and Day): _____ Referred by: _____

How long have you been stitching and what is your stitching passion? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Guests are welcome to attend three general meetings, sew days or satellite meetings
after which we invite you to become a dues-paying member!

Mail this form to:

Paige Guillory, Membership Chairman
3704 Skyline Drive, Plano, Texas 75025
paige.guillory@verizon.net

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

Annual dues are payable by May 1st of each year.

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, indicate the event you are paying for – Membership Dues

Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild

c/o Elena Andrade
